

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 23-29 and 101-107, and indicated that claims 70 and 72 contain allowable subject matter. In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 16-22, 30-36, 61-68 and 91-100 under 35 USC §103(a). Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection of these claims. However, without agreement or acquiescence with such rejection, Applicants have amended the application to conform to the subject matter already deemed allowable, thereby rendering such rejections moot and expediting prosecution of this application.

Specifically, claims 61, 72, 91, 92, 94-98 and 100 have been amended to further clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. In particular claim 61 includes the limitations previously recited in allowable claim 70. Allowable claim 72 has been placed in independent form. Further, the dependency of dependent claims 91, 92, 94-98 and 100 has been altered to depend from allowed independent claims. Claims 16-22, 30-36, 70 and 71 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 23-29, 61-68, 72-77 and 91-107 are now pending in the application and in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388.

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